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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte CHARLES W. RITTERSHAUS and
LAWRENCE J. THOMAS

Application No. 09/943,334.

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

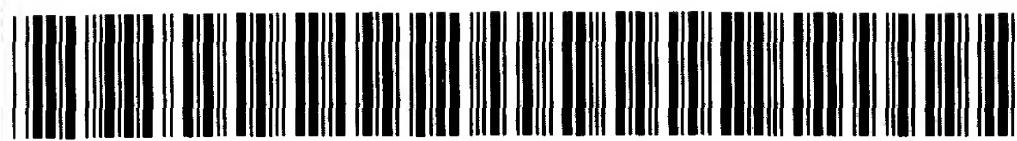
This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 13, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

We were unable to locate the following documents relied on by the Examiner in the Examiner's Answer (page 2) mailed April 23, 2004;

- ◆ a complete translation of the Maillard reference
- ◆ the Talwar reference

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to: (1) provide a complete translation of the Maillard reference, (2) locate the missing Talwar



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